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The *Trailblazer* staff welcomes you to turn through the pages that document the fleeting moments of our year of learning, of pleasure, of tragedy and commitment. We reflect those memories through *your* expressions, those of the fantastic student body and faculty of *VRJC*.

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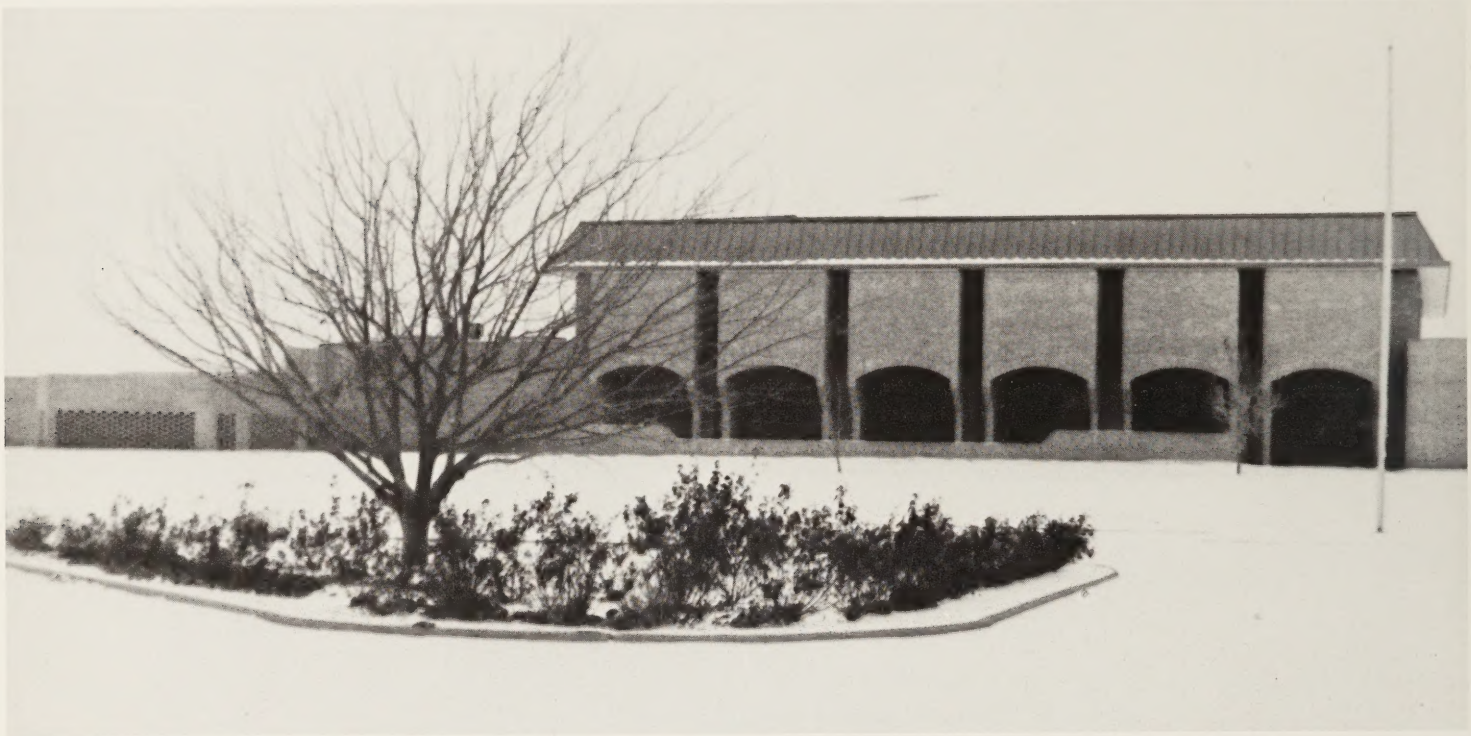

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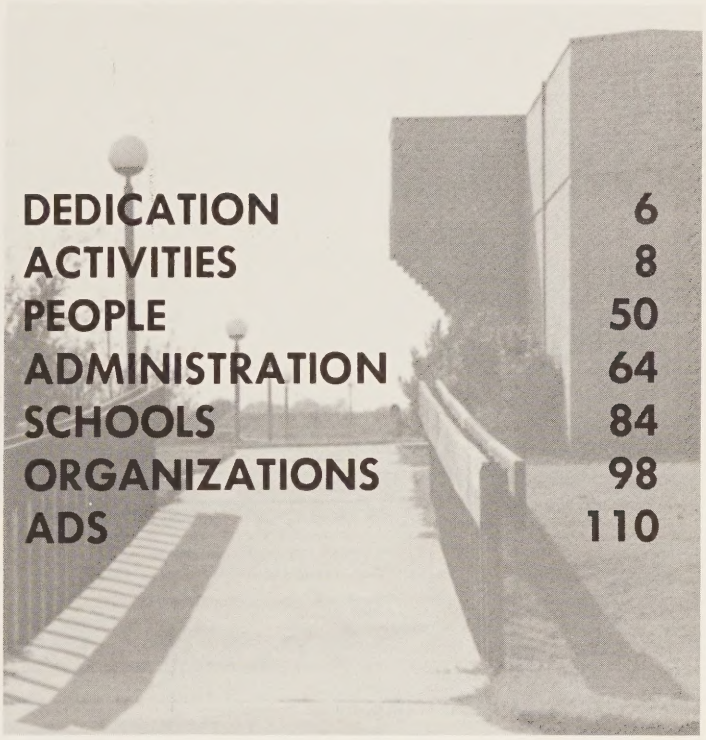

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THE VERNON DAILY RECORD

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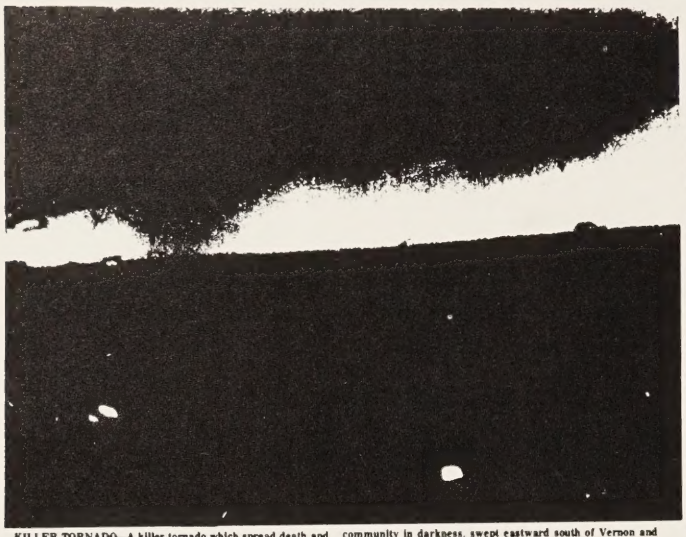
Deadly Twister Rips into Vernon



KILLER TORNADO—A killer tornado which spread death and destruction through Wilbarger County and Vernon at mid-afternoon Tuesday is pictured here as it formed near the Dennis Lingnau home in the Five-in-one community. The twister, a broad-based funnel that came during a storm that shrouded the community in darkness, swept eastward south of Vernon and along the east side of the city, resulting in damage that authorities said would reach into the millions. (Photo Courtesy of Dennis Lingnau)

12 Killed, 60 Hurt

The Vernon National Guard Unit was ordered to duty and DPS and law enforcement officers from a wide area of Oklahoma swarmed into Vernon Wednesday as cleanup activities began following a killer tornado which devastated a wide area of south and east Vernon.

Authorities said that 12 people were dead and as many as 60 persons injured, with property damage running into the millions of dollars. Not all the dead were immediately identified.

Sullivan Funeral Home had 10 bodies on hand at one occasion and Wilbarger General Hospital was swamped with patients and bodies as the toll in the storm, which came only minutes after sounding of the Civil Defense sirens here.

Time the tornado struck was fixed at about 3:50 to 3:55 p.m., depending upon the location.

The dead who could be identified were listed as:

—Mrs. Pat Shelton and daughter, Lou Ann, fatally injured at their home.

—Ben F. Willis, 45, a construction supervisor at Celanese Stein-Hall.

—Mrs. Vivian Kelley, reported from Earth.

—Mrs. Clyde Bagley, who resided on Eastland Street, also killed at her residence.

—Gregory Martinez, a local resident.

—Jack Avant of Grandfield, Okla., killed in an automobile on U.S. Highway 287.

—Mr. and Mrs. James M. Norton of Olustee, Okla., killed when their car was flung from U.S. Highway 287 near Cardinal Equipment Company.

—Mrs. James Collings of Albuquerque, N.M.

—Mrs. Cecelia Neason, 28, of Thalia, whose husband is employed in Crowell.

Most heavily damaged area of Vernon was the business section along east Wilbarger, where the Sands Motel, Canton Cafe, a truck stop, Merchants Motor Frieght, and Cardinal Equipment Company on the U.S. 287 Expressway at Lovers Lane were totally destroyed.

A multi-block residential section in southeast Vernon on Atlanta, Gordon and other streets was also devastated.

The Wilbarger Exhibit Building was destroyed, as well as Texas Highway Department warehouses.

Congressman Jack Hightower announced at midmorning Wednesday that a presidential declaration of Vernon and Wichita Falls as a disaster area is expected momentarily.

At that point the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration will set up disaster centers in Vernon and in Wichita Falls, he said.

Those centers will be able to coordinate assistance for people who have had damage.

He said that in the event of slight damage to homes, federal grants will be available.

For homes destroyed or made unlivable, two options will be available: If a house or apartment are available for rent, the FDAA will pay the rent for up to one year.

Where homes or apartments are not available for rent, mobile homes will be provided rent free.

The powerful tornado, which tossed heavy trucks, tractors and farm equipment around like toys, left the community dazed.

R. D. Beazley, local refrigeration man, said he was the first individual on the scene at the Canton Cafe, where he found Bonnie Tamplen and another employee standing in the ruins.

They told him that Henry Huie, the cafe owner, was under the wall.

Mr. Huie later was rescued and released from the hospital in satisfactory condition.

Jerry Alexander, an employee of Cardinal Equipment Co., says he was alone in the building at the time the tornado struck, leaving the facility a shattered ruin.

"We really had no warning," Mr. Alexander said. "We're too far out to hear the sirens. We knew the weather was getting bad, but by the time we were sure it was going to be damaging, it was too late."

Other employees in the building ran across U.S. Highway 287 and down into the culvert, but Mr. Alexander said he didn't have time to get out.

"The building was coming apart," he recalled. "I was behind a parts counter when it

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(From WEDNESDAY, April 11, 1979, Vernon Daily Record)

(From THURSDAY, April 12, 1979, Vernon Daily Record)

Souvenir Section Photos of Tornado Stories,

Vernon Declared 'Disaster Area'

Federal, New York City Assistance Offered

President Carter Thursday morning in Washington signed official documents declaring Vernon—along with a much harder-hit Wichita Falls—as a federal disaster area, opening the way for possible massive infusions of government assistance to residents whose homes or businesses were damaged or destroyed by Tuesday's killer tornado.

The announcement came from Congressman Jack Hightower as authorities reassessed the death and injury toll, lowering one and raising the other.

The American Red Cross also completed its survey of local residences, reporting a total of 125 homes either heavily damaged or destroyed.

Congressman Hightower also announced that he had just been in communication with Mayor Ed Koch of New York City, who had made arrangements to telephone Vernon Mayor Hamp Naylor shortly before noon offering special assistance from the people of the City of New York.

Just what form the assistance from the nation's largest city would take wasn't immediately known.

In the meantime the Red Cross and Wilbarger Civil Defense Center at Wilbarger Auditorium had simply been overwhelmed with the generousity of people from throughout the area, as well as other states.

Red Cross Executive Secretary Mrs. Georgia Mount sounded an urgent request for individuals to bring no more food or clothing to the center. She requested that cash donations be made to the Red Cross Disaster Fund, and pledged that every penny given would be spent for relief of local victims of the tornado.

Congressman Hightower said that Joe Winkle, regional administrator for the Federal District Assistance Administration office, is on his way to Wichita Falls to establish a disaster center there.

He said that an office will also be set up in Vernon, adding that the offices will coordinate the various relief activities that are necessary.

"He plans to be here for several months. It's going to be a long-term thing to get it done," the Congressman continued. "As soon as we know something about timing, where people should go, that will be announced also."

The Congressman, State ASC Committeeman and Local ASCS Executive Russell Gorman jointly announced the opening of a special disaster center at the SCS agriculture service center at 5015 College Drive.

This center will administer programs for the SCS, FHA, ASCS and the Small Business Administration from the conference room of the building.

Mr. Gorman said that rural and urban residents of both Foard and Hardeman Counties are being asked to come there for information about relief that can be offered.

City Manager Sam Phelps, one of the local coordinators of relief activity, said that the City had

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Attention Turns to Storm Cleanup

Law enforcement officers from a wide area of Texas and Oklahoma began heading home Thursday night and the National Guard released its forces as the emergency nature of rescue and salvage operations following Tuesday's tornado ended here Friday.

Emphasis turned Friday morning toward long-term cleanup and disaster relief as Guardsmen and officers removed barricades and reopened free access to the devastated areas.

High praise for the response in the face of the tragedy, which left 11 dead and 67 injured, came from all quarters.

Maj. James Cook of the Texas National Guard said that only one case of looting was officially reported and the individual involved, after apprehension, gave the material stolen back to authorities, then joined a cleanup crew.

City Street Supt. Kirk Hammer reported that as many as 200 truckloads of rubble and debris had been hauled to the former City dump west of U.S. Highway 282 north of the Pease River by City and Highway Department trucks, and that further work was simply awaiting the signing of necessary forms to allow lots of demolished homes to be cleared.

Measures for dealing with the long-term effects of the disaster also drew major attention.

Wes Anders and Jack Schlueter of the Texas Department of Public Safety Disaster Emergency Services met with Wilbarger and Foard County officials Friday morning at the Wilbarger County Courthouse for a briefing on disaster relief.

A one-stop center for disaster relief, where all relief agencies will be set up, will open at 9 a.m. Saturday at Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium and close at 7 p.m. Sunday's hours will be 1-6 p.m. and the center will

(See CLEANUP Page 4C)

(From FRIDAY, April 13, 1979, Vernon Daily Record)

By ORLIN BREWER

Town Crier

Security Key Issue

The most devastating tornado in recent Vernon history struck three weeks after the resignation of Ed Luttrell Jr. as the community's civil defense director.

Mr. Luttrell had built a network of weatherwatch teams and established a communications headquarters under the stage at Wilbarger Auditorium, where Dan Osborne, vice president of Osborne Distributing Company, handled communications for the storm rescue effort.

Although County Judge Bob Arnold, the official head of civil defense in Wilbarger County was aware of the resignation, and City Manager Sam Phelps had the letter of resignation on his desk, Mayor Hamp Naylor had not known of it.

Mr. Luttrell worked as a volunteer, but coordinating the entire operation fell primarily to City Manager Sam Phelps and the two top law enforcement officers in the community, Sheriff Clinton Russell and Chief of Police Wayne Hendrix.

The State Highway Patrol set up its headquarters at the National Guard Armory and National Guard had some 17 people assisting with patrol and guard duty on a voluntary basis to prevent looting.

Maj. Charles Cook of Vernon, a former local unit commander who is now assigned to a different station, was coordinating activities for the national guard.

All Guard vehicles were on patrol, and sentries

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SPEAKS AT PRAYER BREAKFAST—Congressman Jack Hightower Friday morning addresses a communitywide prayer breakfast which drew some 115 persons to an event at the Village Inn Restaurant in which seating for only 110 persons was initially provided. Individuals of all faiths were involved, with attention turned primarily to Tuesday's storm disaster in which 11 persons were killed and 67 injured, with property damage going into the millions of dollars. (Record Photo)

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Thanks Is Offered In Tragedy Wake

By ORLIN BREWER

Their eyes and hearts were turned to the families of the dead and injured, but they also offered thanks in the wake of a community tragedy that had left 11 dead, 67 injured and millions of dollars in damage here.

"Guide us in love and wisdom as we rebuild," the Rev. Lee Crouch, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, prayed in a benediction that followed a period of "silent" prayer in which the low voices of some could be heard as heads were bowed in individual supplication.

The event was, the first communitywide prayer breakfast, which had been planned for months, but seemed uniquely appropriate to many of those present after the forces of nature had wrought disaster here Tuesday.

Principal Speaker Jack Hightower told the group, "words are inadequate to express our sympathy" to those who lost loved ones and property in the storm.

But he added, "We have so much to be grateful for," suggesting, "we demonstrated it in how we have responded in the emergency...in the face of tragedy...It didn't surprise me."

He suggested it is the spiritual strength of local churches and Christians that has made the people in Vernon "different" from the people of Jerusalem who first welcomed Jesus, then cried for his crucifixion.

He cited the location of a $1 billion West Texas Utilities Company generating plant here as an indication of new changes which will come.

But he said from those to whom more is given, more is expected.

"We live in Him after the resurrection," he said, adding

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April 27, 1979

TO ALL VRJC EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS

I am aware that none of you were motivated to pitch in and help those who had been hurt by the tornado in hopes of being thanked for your efforts. Rather, it was a simple feeling of wanting to do something to help those who were much less fortunate than we in this disaster. In fact, I heard many of you mention a feeling of frustration because you really didn't know what assistance you could provide rather than just moving debris.

Many, many of you did more than would be expected in going the second mile! I will not begin to mention names for I would surely leave out someone most deserving. However, it was obvious that VRJC personnel were doing more than their share to assist our neighbors in this community.

May I take this opportunity to offer a personal "thank you" to each and every one of you who provided assistance during that week. I truly believe that each of you demonstrated a sincere desire to be of service to your community, and what more could anyone ask for an institution such as ours. Your efforts were appreciated by many in Vernon who have been aware of your willingness to help.

I suppose there would be no more appropriate way to close this than to express our thankfulness that the tornado did not totally devastate our College. We were very fortunate indeed!

Sincerely,

Jim M. Williams
President

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The 1979 Trailblazer is dedicated to those faculty, staff, and students who unselfishly contributed their assistance to the victims of the April 10 tornado which devastated South Vernon. We give a special thanks to Larry Crabtree of the *Vernon Daily Record* who made it possible to document the tornado in the following section.

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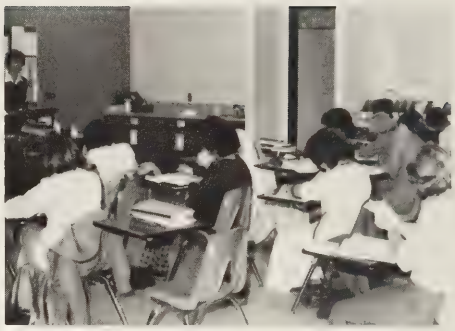

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First sign of the deadly tornado that resulted in millions of dollars of damage

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Looking southeast on Atlanta Street. The path of destruction is comparable to the devastation of an exploding bomb.

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This was once the entrance to the 4-H exhibit building.

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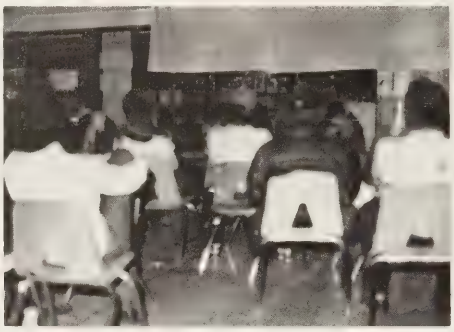

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Pieces of mangled farm machinery which were swept away from Cardinal Equipment Company.

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TORNADO Destroyed homes on Sand Road on the southern edge of Vernon.

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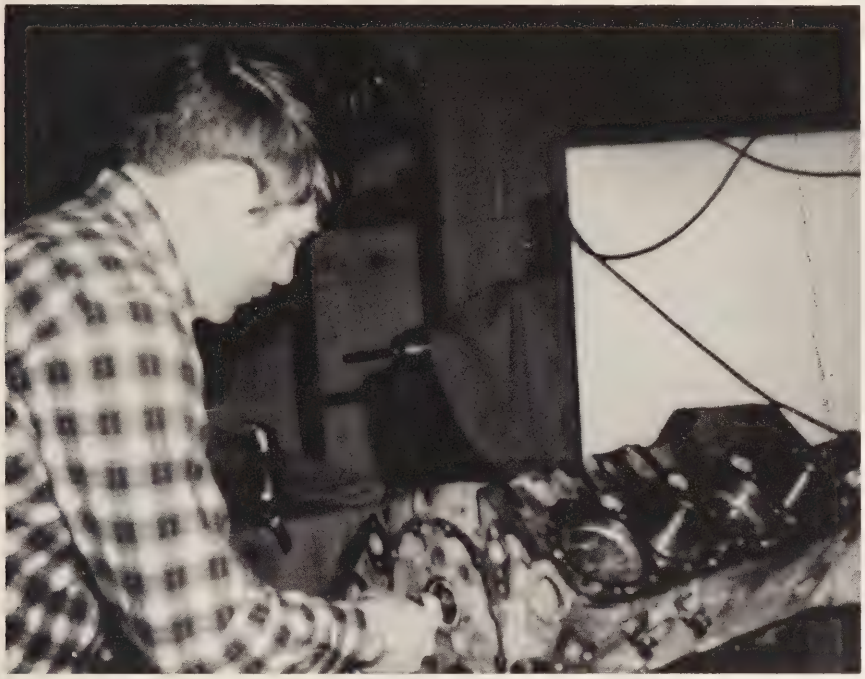

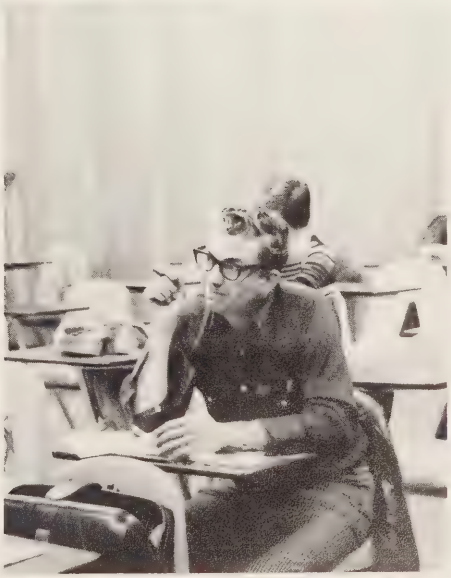

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The Sands Motel on East Wilbarger was completely destroyed.

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Two automobiles in shattered wreckage east of the Canton Cafe. In the background is the remaining portion of Cardinal Equipment Company.

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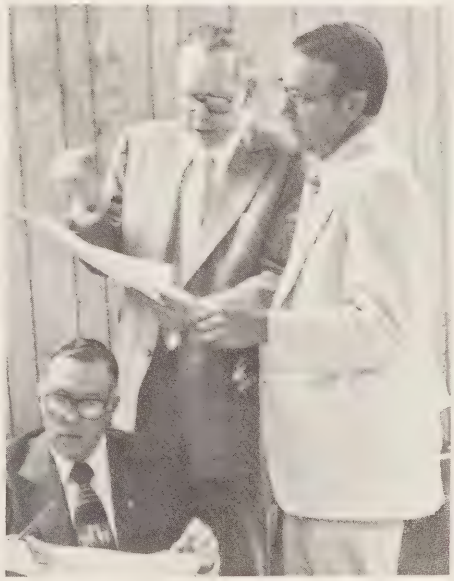

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TORNADO **The skeletal remains of a large barn northeast of Vernon.**

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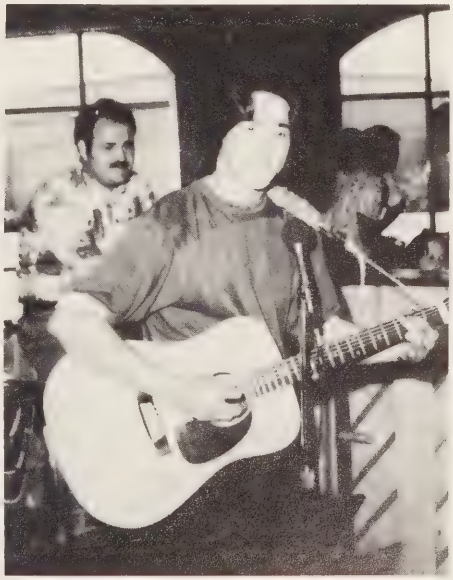

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Livestock as well as people suffered serious injury as evidenced by these horses in the Atlanta Street vicinity.

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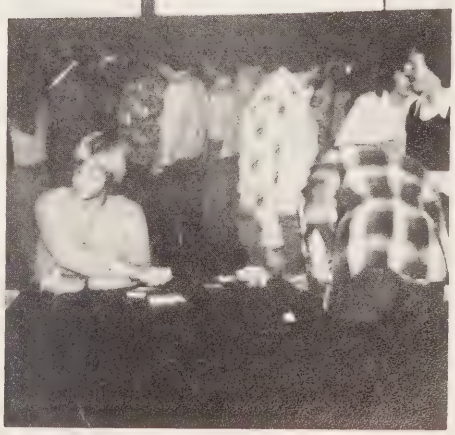

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Cardinal Equipment Company and twisted farm machinery are scattered across U.S. 287.

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Plastic Specialty Warehouse on East Wilbarger indicates the force of the tornado.

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Trucks were tossed about like toys as seen here at the Merchants Freight Line Building in East Vernon.

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The Texas Highway Department on Main Street sustained heavy damage.

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Shocked citizens stand among the rubble as workers remove the dead and injured.

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The explosive twister snapped trees like matchsticks as seen at this Atlanta Street residence.

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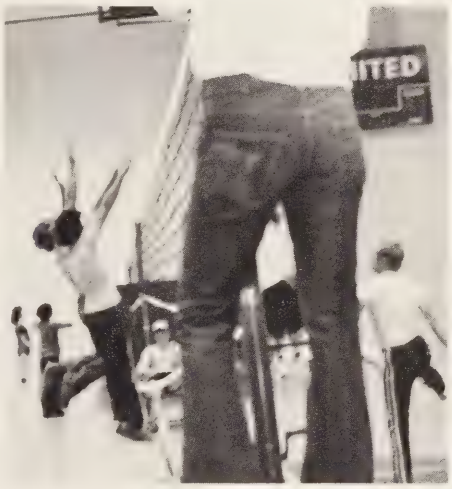

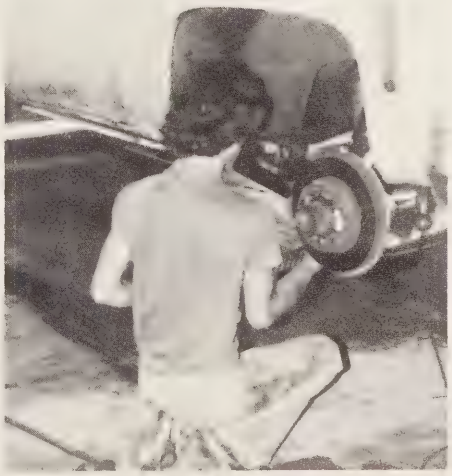

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At the Sands Motel cars are still parked where the building once stood.

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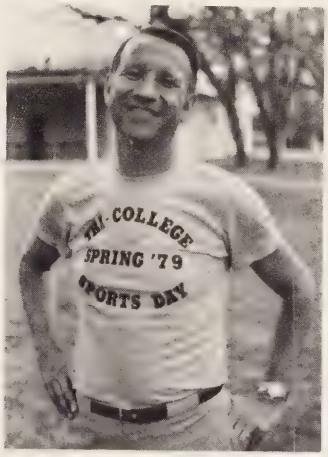

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The 4-H exhibit barn and arena were completely destroyed while Jones Machine Shop had only partial destruction.

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The home of city employee Billy Nava was one of many on Atlanta Street which was totaled.

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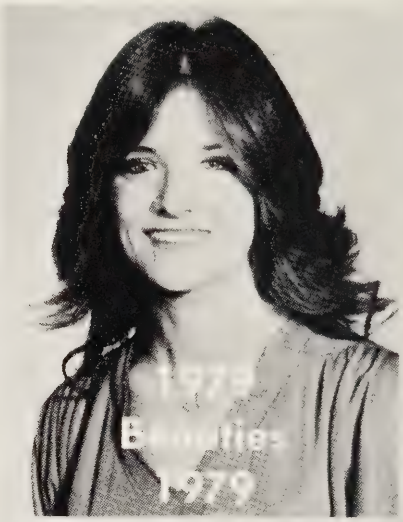
MISS VRJC 1979-80
SONYA CARTER

Each year a lovely and talented young lady is selected as a scholarship student from contestants competing from area schools.



SONIA CARTER—A senior at Knox City High School, she is the 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Carter. Sonia has brown hair, green eyes, is 5'4" tall and weighs 120 pounds. Her honors include Most Physically Fit Girl, FFA Sweetheart, and Band Sweetheart. She enjoys singing and dancing and has appeared in Nashville, Hollywood, and Las Vegas. She plans to attend college and work

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SUSAN CRISP — The 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crisp is a senior at Vernon High School. She plans to continue her education in radio and television communications and the performing arts. She has won numerous honors in band and speech, including an invitation to tour Europe with the United States Collegiate Wind Band. Susan has blonde hair and green eyes. She is 5'3" tall and weighs 105 pounds.

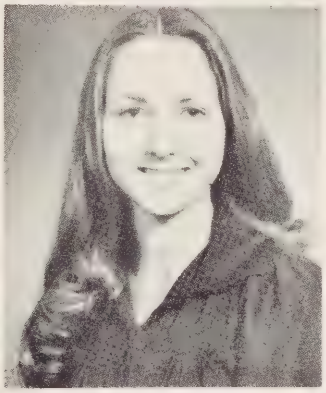
CINDY FLANAGAN — A freshman at Midwestern State University, Cindy is the 18 year old daughter of Mrs. Georgia Flanagan of Iowa Park. At MSU she is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, a member of the a cappella choir, and editor of the annual. She is 5'3" tall, weighs 110 pounds and has red hair and hazel eyes. After obtaining a masters degree in drama, Cindy would like to teach at the college level.

DARLA HESTER — Darla is the 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hester of Wichita Falls, and a senior at S. H. Rider High School where she is a member of the drill team, girls choir, and has been an officer in Distributive Education Club for 3 years. She plans to pursue a degree in special education. Darla is 5'6" tall and has blonde hair and green eyes.

1979 Beauties 1979

DEBRA HOBSON — Daughter of Mrs. Bettye Hobson, Debra is 19 years old and a freshman at VRJC where she is working toward a degree in psychology. A graduate of Goldthwaite High School, she was captain of the drill team, and was elected Miss Goldthwaite High School. She lists swimming and dancing as her hobbies. She has brown hair and eyes, weighs 107 pounds and is 5'6" tall.

MARTI JAMES — The 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin James of Wichita Falls, she is a senior at S. H. Rider High School. Among her hobbies are water skiing, cake decorating, and creative writing. She is the 1979 Pecan Queen of Wichita County. Marti plans to continue her education in the field of child psychology. She has brown hair and blue eyes. She is 5'3" tall and weighs 120 pounds.



DARLENE MAHLER — Darlene is a freshman at Midwestern State University where she is pursuing a bachelors degree in drama. She has won numerous speech tournament awards and was named 1978 Best Thespian Girl at Iowa Park High School. A 4 year member of the stage band, she was also drum major and a member of the a cappella choir. She weighs 120 pounds, is 5'7" tall and has blonde hair and blue eyes.

KATHY NIXON — Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Nixon, Kathy is a senior at Burkburnett High School. She has been performing since she was ten years old. In 1972 she was named Wichita Falls Our Little Miss. She enjoys singing, reading, volleyball, basketball, and tennis. Kathy has blonde hair and blue eyes, is 5'6" tall and weighs 126 pounds. She plans to pursue a career as a registered nurse after completing a bachelors degree.

RHONDA ROGERS — Rhonda is a freshman cosmetology student at VRJC. In high school she was Miss Throckmorton 1977, Miss Throckmorton High School, football sweetheart, most athletic, FFA sweetheart, senior favorite, state track finalist, head cheerleader, and most beautiful. Weighing 120 pounds and 5'7½" tall, she has blonde hair and blue eyes. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs. Stewart Rogers of Elbert.

RUTH ANN SHAW — A senior at S. H. Rider High School in Wichita Falls, Ruth Ann is the 17 year old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Don Shaw. At Rider she is on the honor roll, president of the drill team, cheerleader, and a member of the girls choir and the student council. She plans to seek a degree in either fashion design or architecture. Sewing and outdoor sports are listed as her hobbies. She is 5'4½" tall, weighs 110 pounds, and has brown hair and eyes.

NAELYN STONE — A freshman at VRJC, she is the 19 year old daughter of Mrs. Helen Stone of Seymour. She has also attended Blinn Jr. College and has had special training in dance, gymnastics, and twirling. Varsity cheerleader, senior personality, and secretary of the senior class are among her high school honors. Naelyn participates in tennis, volleyball, and swimming. She is 5'3" tall, weighs 112 pounds and has brown hair and hazel eyes.

BRENDA TRIANA — The 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Triana, Brenda is a senior at Vernon High School where she is a drill instructor for the band and has held several offices in the Pan American Student Forum. She has also participated in drama and stageband. She has brown hair, green eyes, is 5'6" tall and weighs 120 pounds. Brenda plans to continue her education in the field of physical therapy.

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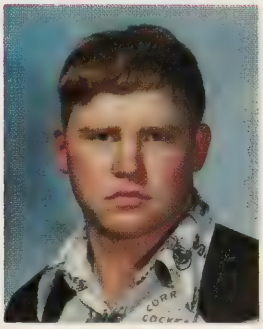

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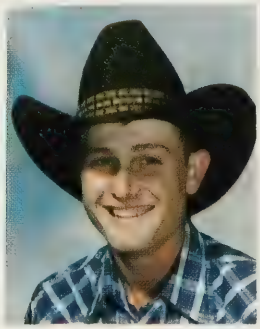

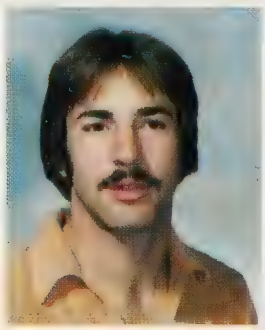

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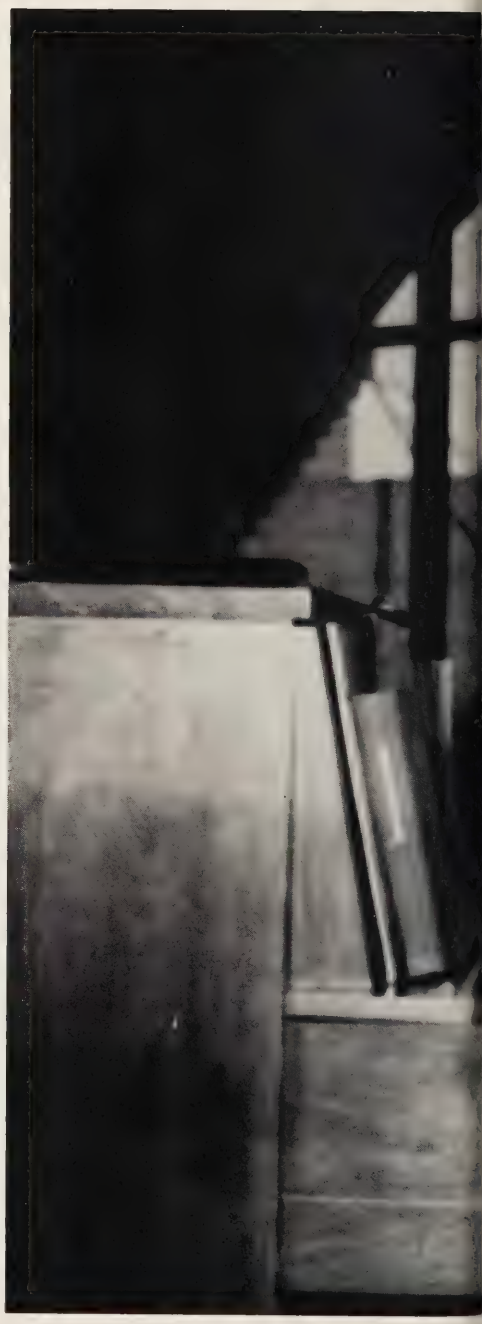

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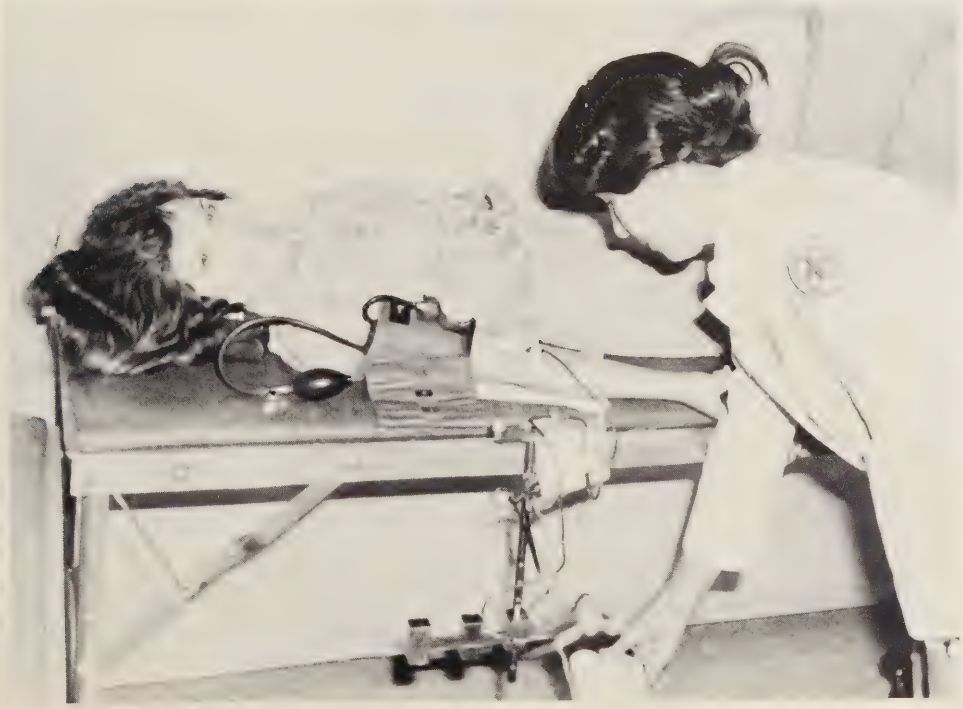

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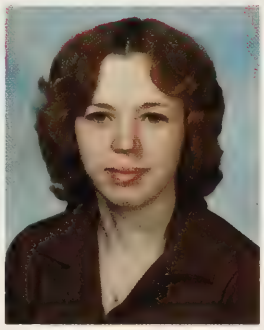

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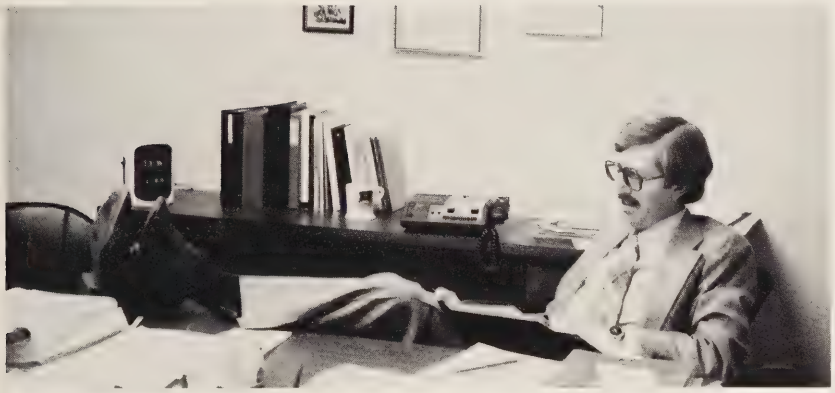

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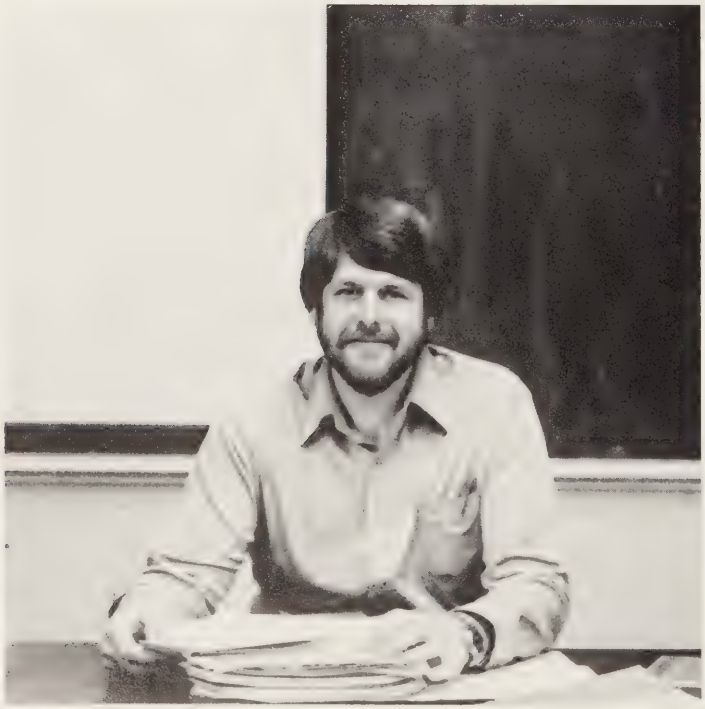

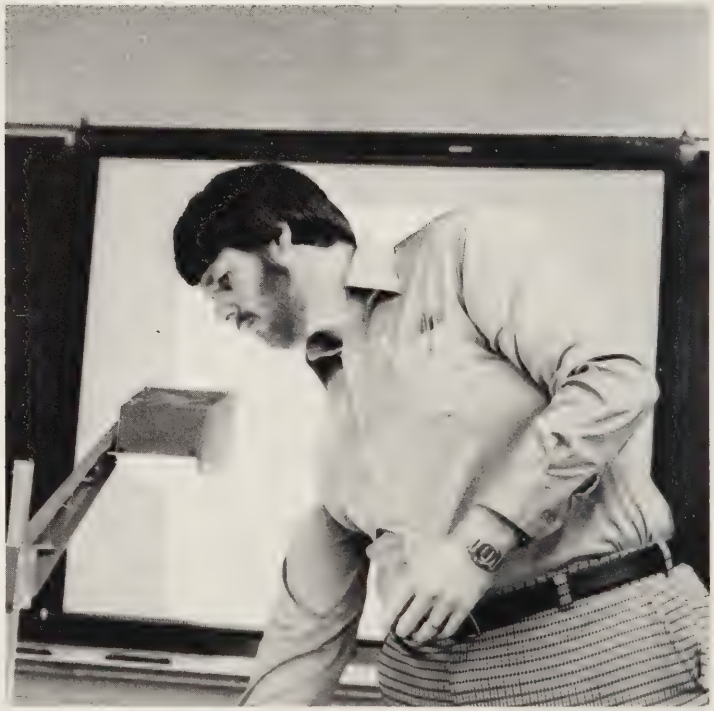

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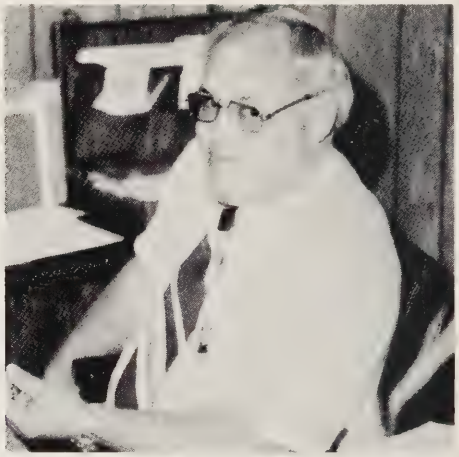

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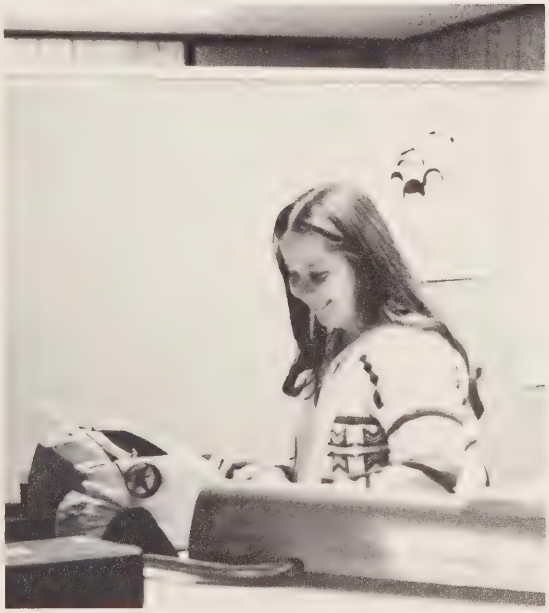

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LEFT: SUSAN RICHARDSON, (AT RIGHT) COORDINATOR FOR THE EMERITUS INSTITUTE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION.

BELOW: VARIOUS CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS INCLUDING (FROM LEFT, TOP, BOTTOM) LAW ENFORCEMENT SEMINAR, CONFIDENT PARENTING, SPANISH FOR FARMERS.

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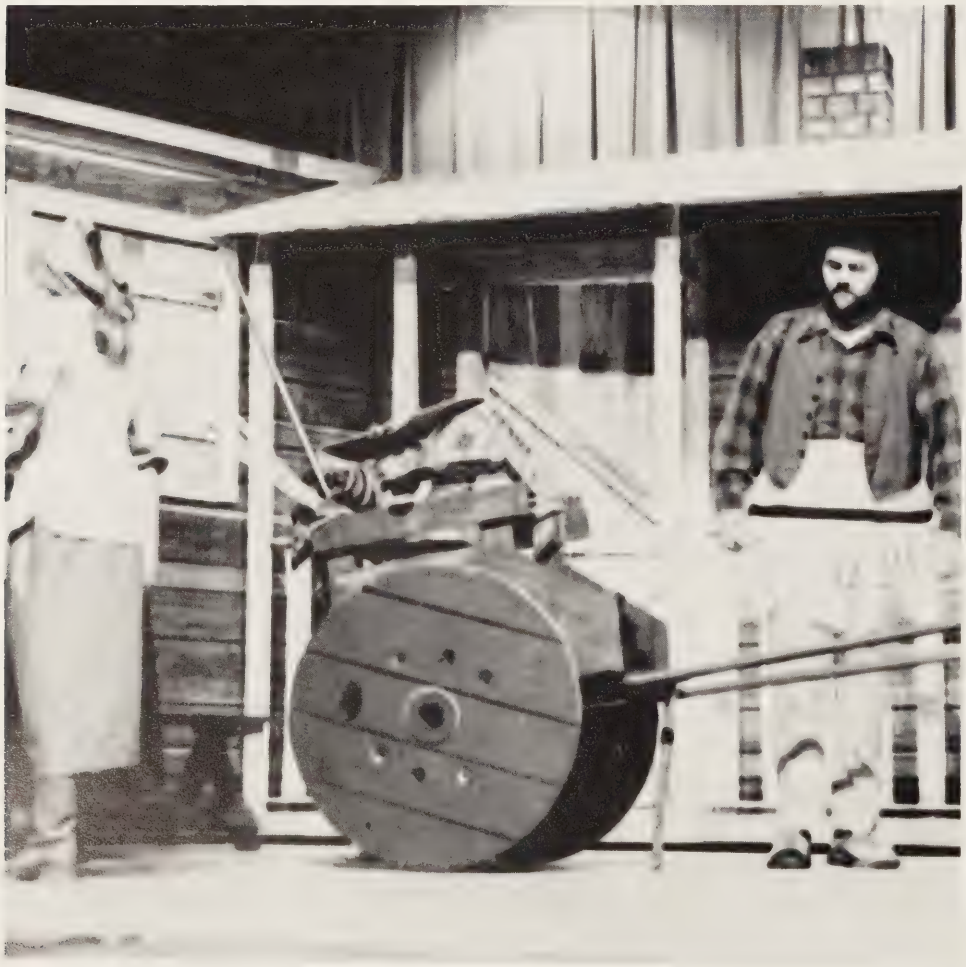

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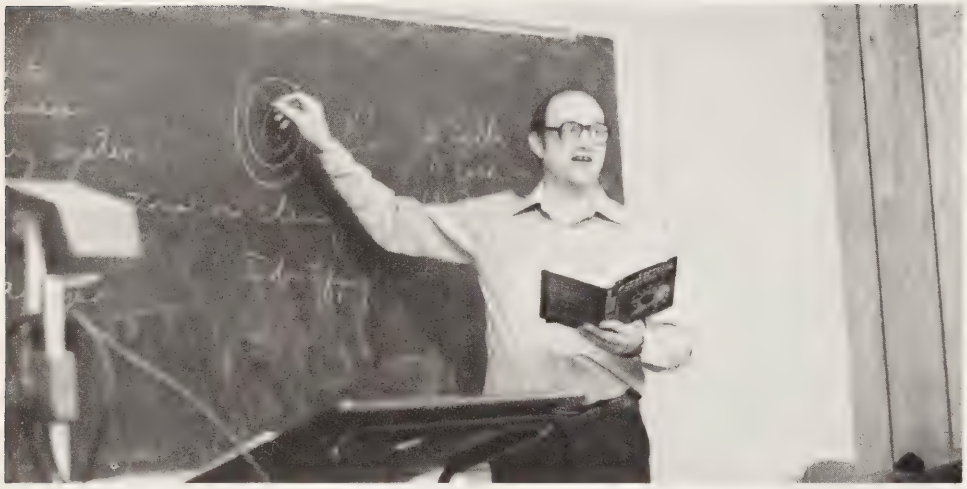

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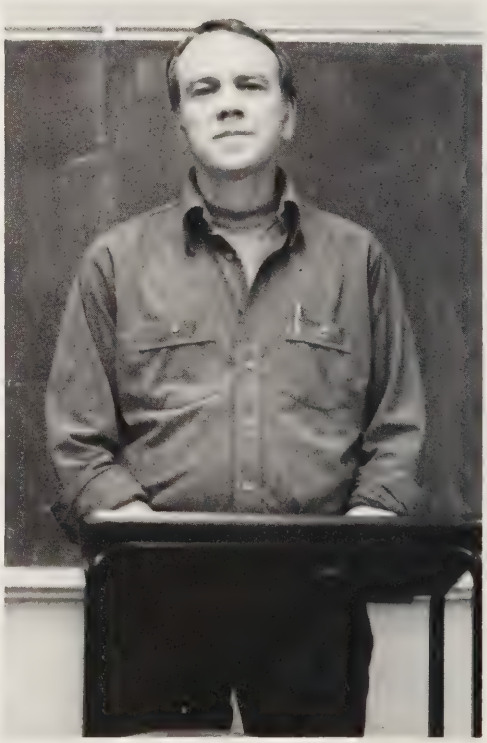

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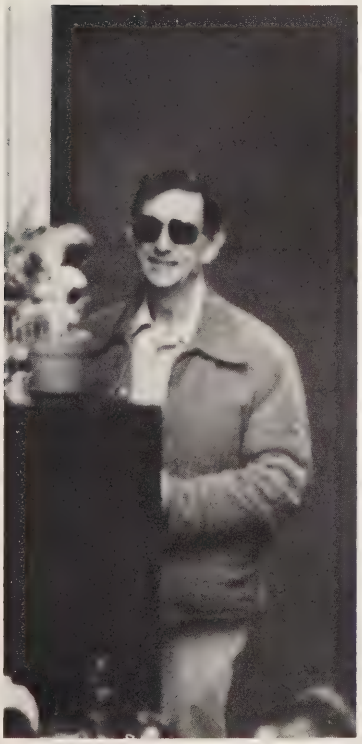

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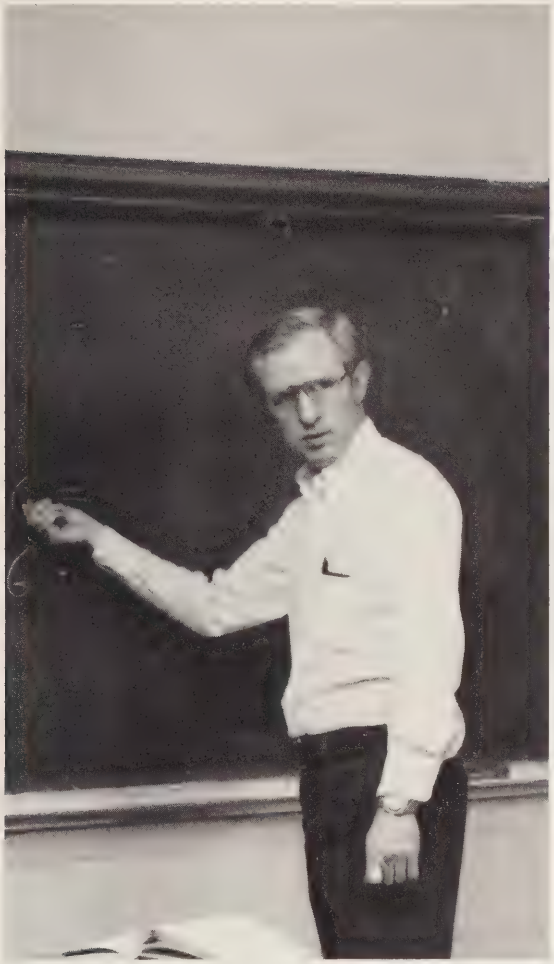

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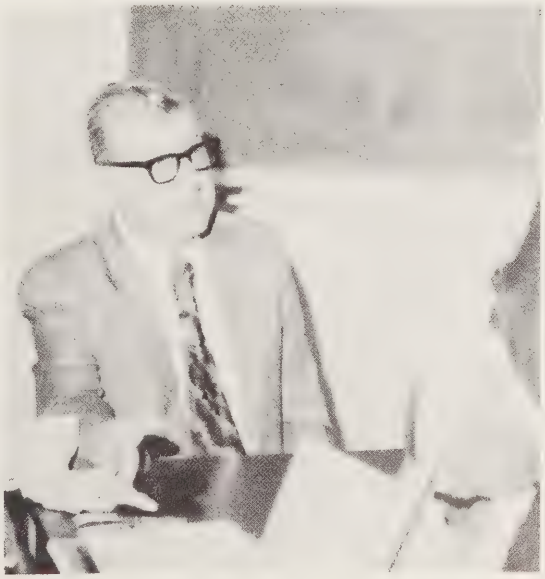

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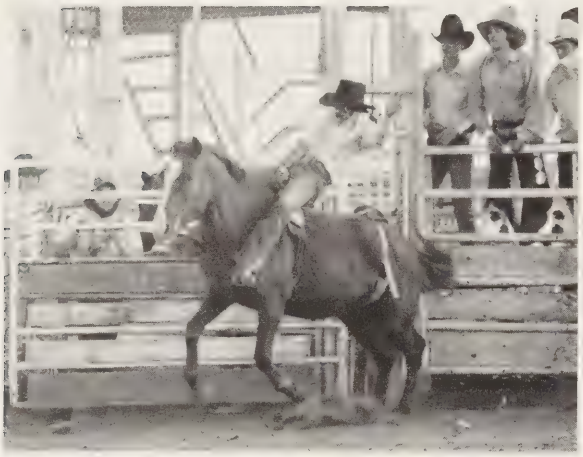

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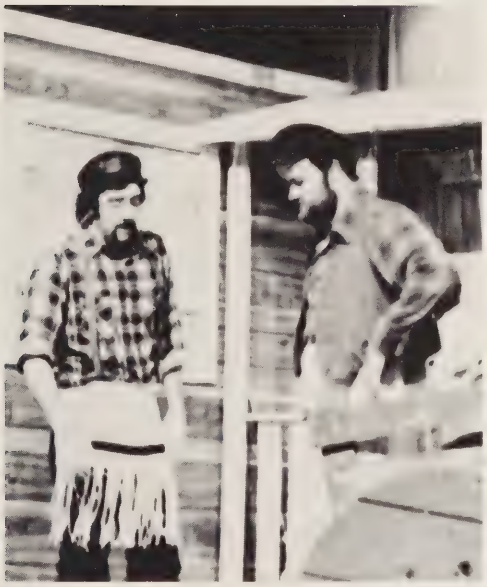

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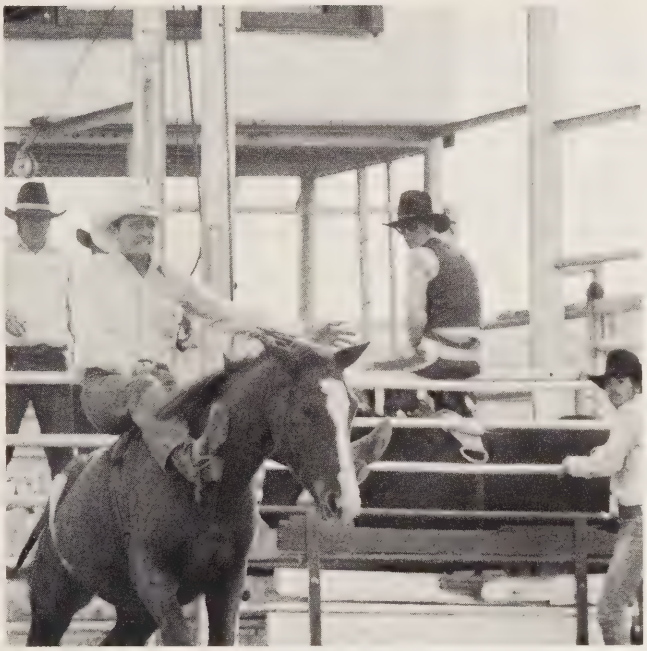

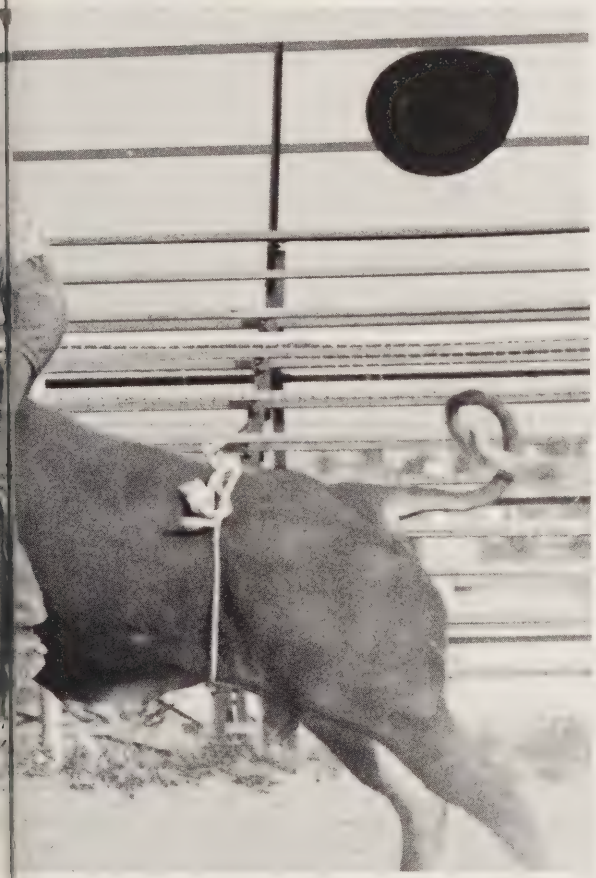

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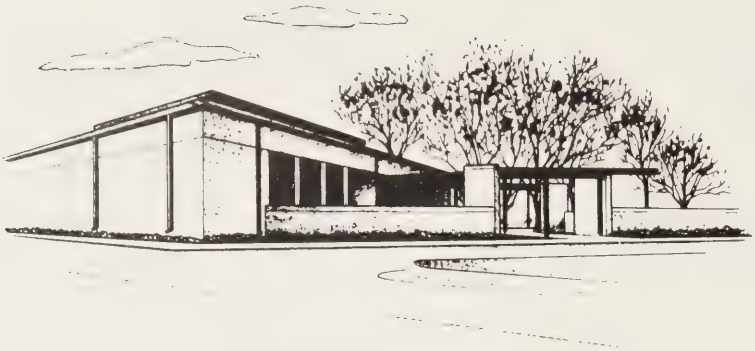

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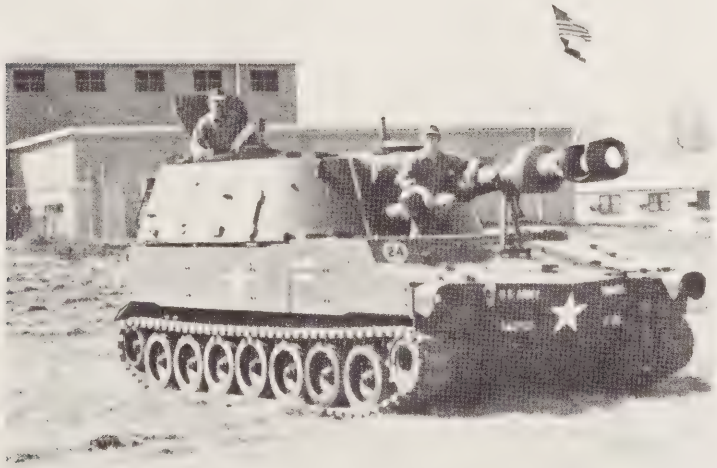

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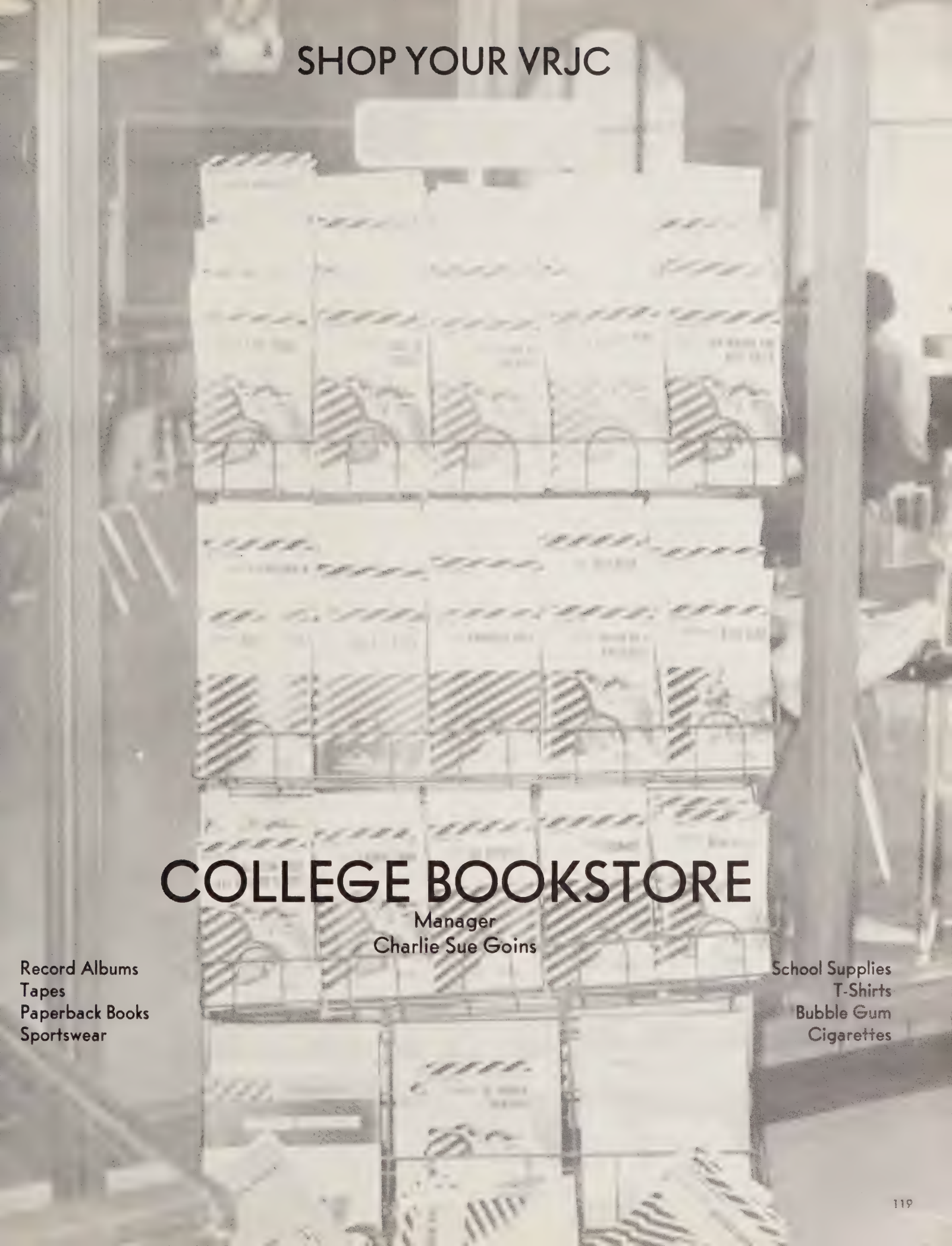

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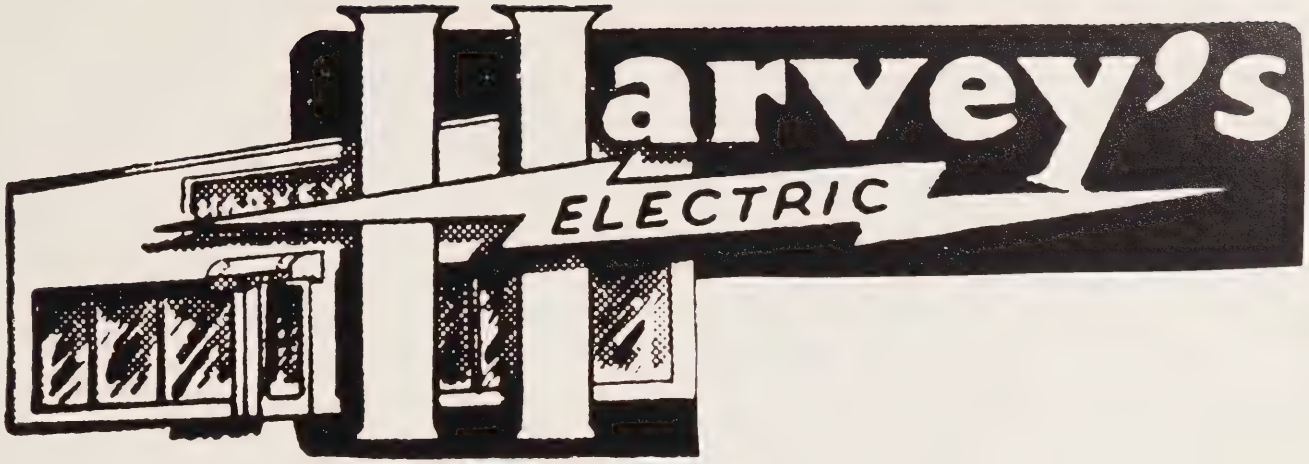

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